

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

HISTORY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

In March 1997, a formal request to terminate portions of the right of way was submitted to the NPS and the BLM. After reviewing this request and the supplemental information provided, it was determined that the potential for significant impact to the environment may exist. A Notice of Intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement was subsequently filed in the Federal Register on April 23, 1997. The notice solicited comments from interested parties and stated that public meetings would be held to afford the public an additional, early opportunity to comment.

In March 1997, a press release was sent via local newspapers and radio stations regarding the availability of project information during the Northern and Eastern Mojave Planning meetings. The meetings were conducted between April 14-24 in 10 cities in California and Nevada. Informational tables with project maps, a project description, and a comment mail back card were made available. A total of 8 mailback cards were received requesting copies of the DEIS.

A total of 1,500 mailback cards were also sent to the project mailing list in June to confirm interest in receiving copies of the DEIS. A total of 263 were returned requesting copies of the DEIS.

Public scoping meetings were held for the project on June 25, 1997 at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino, in Laughlin, Nevada, and on June 26, 1997 at the Holiday Inn, Barstow, California. Local newspaper and radio stations provided notice of the meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to provide introductory presentations outlining the project scope and major issues to be addressed within the EIS. Topics presented included natural and cultural resources, transportation, air quality, and construction practices. Questions raised during the Barstow meeting focused on whether cable removal was necessary and on revegetation concerns if the cable were removed.

In New Mexico, BLM-Socorro distributed a press release via local newspapers in lieu of public meetings. The release was distributed in June 1997 to solicit comments from interest parties; no comments were received.

Mojave National Preserve and AT&T hosted an open house on July 9, 1997, for landowners within the park who have properties along the cable right of way. On July 31, Mojave National Preserve hosted an open house at Hole in the Wall for area residents. The general scope of the project was discussed at this meeting.

On August 7, 1997 letters were sent by NPS to Chemeheuvi Tribal Council, Quechan Tribal Council, Colorado River Tribal Council, Fort Mojave Tribal Council, and the Fort Yuma Agency to introduce the project. Representatives of the NPS made a brief presentation to the Fort Mojave Tribal Council on September 13, 1997.

On August 20, 1997, BLM-Socorro and AT&T hosted an open house for local grazers in New Mexico. Issues raised included the potential start date for construction and the duration of construction activities. The general scope of the project was discussed at this meeting.

The NPS sent letters to the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) in California, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico, and contacted the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The letters detailed, by state, any resources

that might be within the area of potential effect and requested concurrence with the proposed monitoring plan.

To comply with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the NPS has initiated consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the potential impact to federally listed, threatened, or endangered species. A Biological Assessment was submitted to the USFWS on August 7, 1997, and the USFWS' biological opinion is provided in Appendix J.

To assist in the notification and involvement of low income and minority communities, notice of meetings was provided in readily available newspapers. Scoping meetings were held in the early evenings to allow interested parties to attend with minimal disruption to regular work hours.

Comments received during public scoping were considered during the alternatives generation process. Additional information on the generation and selection of a range of reasonable alternatives can be found in Appendix B: Methods for Selecting a Range of Alternatives.

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- 27 In addition to the agencies and organizations listed below, approximately 430 individuals received
28 information on the DEIS.

29 Academic Institutions

- 30 Biology Department Cuesta College
31 California State University - Desert Studies
32 California State University - Fullerton
33 California State University - Geography

Academic Institutions (Cont.)

- Colorado State University
Los Angeles Unified School District
Morongo Unified School District

1 Academic Institutions (Cont.)

2 Northwestern University Center For Urban
3 Affairs
4 Pasadena City College
5 University of California - Biology Department
6 University of California at Los Angeles,
7 Department of Nursing
8 University of Nevada at Las Vegas -
9 Anthropology Department
10 University of Nevada at Las Vegas - Biology
11 Sciences
12 University of Nevada at Las Vegas –
13 Environmental Studies Department
14 University of Nevada at Las Vegas - Harry
15 Reid Center for the Environment
16 Verge Valley School
17 Washington University, Math Department

18 Congress People

19 Honorable Barbara Boxer
20 Honorable Richard Bryan
21 Honorable John Ensign
22 Honorable Dianne Feinstein
23 Honorable Jim Gibbons
24 Honorable Jerry Lewis
25 Honorable Harry Reid
26 Honorable Barbara Vucanovich

27 Federal

28 Bureau of Indian Affairs
29 Bureau of Land Management
30 Department of Defense
31 National Training Center Fort Irwin
32 Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
33 Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort
34 Irwin
35 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
36 Federal Highway Administration
37 National Park Service
38 Death Valley National Park
39 Lake Mead National Recreation Area
40 Mojave National Preserve
41 Petroglyph National Monument

Santa Monica Mountains National
Recreation Area

Federal (Cont.)

Soil Conservation Service
United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Environmental Protection
Agency Region IX
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
United States Forest Service
Inyo National Forest
Toiyabe National Forest

Libraries

Boulder City Library
Clark County Library
Colorado State University
Las Vegas Public Library
Library of Government Publications,
California State University
Mojave River Valley Museum
Oiatt Library, California State University
San Bernardino County Museum
Sunrise Public Library
United States Government Printing Office -
University Library
University of Arizona Library
University of California Irvine, Main Library
University of Nevada Las Vegas - Library

Local

Baker Chamber of Commerce
Baker Community Service District
Beatty Citizens Advisory Council
Beatty Town Board
Big Pine Chamber of Commerce
Blythe Chamber of Commerce
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Calexico Chamber of Commerce
Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce
City of Bishop
City of California City
City of Las Vegas

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- 1 City of Needles
- 2 City of Pahrump
- 3 City of Ridgecrest
- 4 City of Socorro
- 5 Clark County
- 6 Clark County Department of Planning
- 7 **Local (Cont.)**
- 8 County of Mono
- 9 Death Valley Chamber of Commerce
- 10 Indian Wells Valley Water District
- 11 Inyo County Board of Supervisors
- 12 Inyo County Planning Commission
- 13 Kern County Air Pollution Control District
- 14 Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce
- 15 Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
- 16 Mojave Chamber of Commerce
- 17 Mono County Board of Supervisors
- 18 Needles Chamber of Commerce
- 19 Nye County
- 20 Palm Springs Resource Area
- 21 Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce
- 22 San Bernardino Association Government
- 23 San Bernardino County Supervisors
- 24 Socorro County Commission
- 25 Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce
- 26 Victorville Chamber of Commerce
- 27 **Media**
- 28 Associated Press – Los Angeles Bureau
- 29 Baker Valley News
- 30 Barstow Desert Dispatch
- 31 Booster News
- 32 Cablevision Community Channel 2
- 33 Colorado River Reporter
- 34 Daily Press
- 35 Defensor Chieftain
- 36 Gateway Gazette
- 37 Golden Valley News
- 38 K99 Fm
- 39 KAAA-KZZZ
- 40 KBAS-KWAZ
- 41 KBBC Hot 101 Fm
- 42 KBHC Channel 28
- 43 KC Publications

KFLG Radio
KGMN Radio
KHIZ-TV
Kingman Daily Miner
KJ 93
KLBC TV 2
KLPZ AM Radio
KLUK Lucky 108
KMXQ FM Radio

Media (Cont.)

KNLB-91 Fm
KOTX
KRCY Fm
K-Star Radio
KSZL-KDUC Radio
KTOX Radio Am (CBS)
KWAZ Killer Country 97.9
KXXZ Radio – Fm
KZUL-KRZY
KZZZ Fm Radio
Las Vegas News Bureau
Laughlin Nevada Times
Needles Desert Star
News West Publishing Co.
Our Town Magazine
Riverside Press Enterprise
RV Journal
San Bernardino Sun
San Francisco Chronicle
The Newberry Press
The Standard Companion Animal News
The Weekender
Today's Daily Herald
Trona Argonaut
United Press International, Los Angeles News Bureau
WHHO

Organizations

Ace Exploration & Water Drilling Company
Aklufi & Wysocki
All American Pipeline Company
Alma Investment Company
American Tours International
Animal Legal Defense
Animal Protection Institute
Arco Pipe Line Company
Astro-Valcour, Inc
Backroads
Barrick Bullfrog, Inc.
Blair Brothers
BLM Lands Foundation
Blue Ribbon Coalition
Brow-Berry Biological Consulting
Brubaker-Mann, Inc.
BSA Boulder Dam Council

Organizations (Cont.)

Bum Woo Group
California 4-Wheel Drive Club
California Federation of Mineralogical Society
California Mining Association
California Tourism Publications
Canadian American Co.
Canyon Resources Corp
CH2M
Chamber Notes
Chapter Conservation
Citizen Alert
Citizens for Mojave National Park
Clark Enterprises Inc
CMA Delegate, Standard Industrial Minerals
Colorado Minerals Research Institute
Compass Minerals
Cornerstone Companies, Inc.
Corva
Courtney Aviation
Cycle World
D-37 Dual Sport
Death Valley '49ers
Desert Bighorn Council
Domestic Technology, International
Dora Land

Ducks Unlimited, Las Vegas Chapter
East Mojave Home Owners Association
EIR Review Comm, San Diego Archeological Society
Emcolon Handbags Manufacturing, Ltd.
Environmental Defense Fund
Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
Freemont Girl Scout Council
Friends of Desert Wetland Park
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Friends of Red Rock Canyon
Friends of the Mojave Road
Fugawe 4-Wheelers
Gersh & Danielson Attorneys-At-Law
GNJ Limited Partnership
Golden Quail Resources
Grants Airport
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Henderson Electric Motors
High Desert Multi-Use Coalition
Hunter Ranch

Organizations (Cont.)

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Lake Minerals
Land Rover Owners Association
Las Vegas Silver Flippers
Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club
LBL & Associates
League of Woman Voters, Las Vegas Valley
Made in Japan Auto Care
MCGI
MK Gold Co
Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association
Mojave National Preserve Advisory Commission
Mojave Resources Conservation
Molycorp, Inc
Mountain Bell
Mud Camp Mining
National Speological Society
Neon Divers
Nevada 4-Wheel Drive Association
Nevada Camera Club
Nevada Trails Coalition

- 1 Nevada United Four Wheelers Association
- 2 Nipton Trading Post
- 3 Norcal
- 4 Pacific Bell
- 5 Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- 6 Pacific Land Exchange
- 7 Pacific Southwest Biological Survey
- 8 Parker Pioneer
- 9 Partners In Parks
- 10 People For the West
- 11 Plains Electric Generation & Trans Company
- 12 Pluess-Staufer (CA), Inc.
- 13 Public Land Users Services
- 14 Quail Unlimited
- 15 Real Estate Center
- 16 Recon
- 17 Red Rock Audubon Society
- 18 Redhorse Productions
- 19 Redwings Horse Sanctuary
- 20 Riverside Cement Company
- 21 Royal Gold, Inc
- 22 SAIC
- 23 Saline Organization & Kindred Spirits
- 24 Saline Preservation Association
- 25 Saline Valley Pilots Association
- 26 **Organizations (Cont.)**
- 27 San Diego WMC, Gold Rock Mine
- 28 San Gorgonio Girl Scouts
- 29 Seawest Tehachapi, Inc.
- 30 Sierra Club
- 31 Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund
- 32 Soaks Board of Directors
- 33 Society for Conservation of Bighorn Sheep
- 34 Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- 35 South Nevada Environmental Forum
- 36 Southern Council Conservation Club
- 37 Southern Nevada off-Road Enthusiasts
- 38 Southern Nevada Waterfowlers
- 39 Southwest Gas Trailhikers
- 40 Southwest Herpetologist Society
- 41 Southwest Prospectors & Miners Association
- 42 SPA
- 43 Stage Pistol League Frey's Gunshop
- 44 Strachan Enterprises
- 45 Surface Resources
- 46 Survivor's Trust

Sweeney Granite Mountain Desert Research Center
Tahoma Land Conservancy
Tetra Technology, Inc.
The Bradco Companies
The Dairy Country Store
The Desert Tortoise Council
The Nature Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
Tortoise Group
Travel West
US Borax Research Corporation
Valley Wells Ranch
Viceroy Gold Corporation
Viceroy Resource Corporation
Western Sunbathing Association, Inc.
White Cross Drug & Gifts
Wildlife Habitat Improvement of Nevada
Xeno Ranch
Yorba Linda Nursery

State

California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Parks and Recreation
California Department of Transportation

State (Cont.)

California Governor Pete Wilson
California National Guard
California State Lands Commission
California State Parks
California Welcome Center
CDF
Colorado River Commission
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
Nevada Commission On Tourism
Nevada Department of Administration
Nevada Division of Forestry
Nevada Division of State Parks
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Nevada Governor Robert Miller
Nevada Historic Preservation
Nevada Natural Resources Education Council

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- 1 Nevada State Clearinghouse
- 2 New Mexico Historic Preservation
- 3 New Mexico State Environment Department
- 4 New Mexico State Highway Department
- 5 New Mexico State Land office
- 6 NMSHTD, District 1

7 **Tribal**

- 8 Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- 9 Colorado River Tribal Council
- 10 Fort Mojave Tribal Council
- 11 Fort Yuma Agency
- 12 Las Vegas Indian Center
- 13 Quechan Tribal Council
- 14 Timbi Sha Band of Shoshone